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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

KING'S BENCH DIVISION

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS LIST

The Honourable Mr Justice Nicklin
7 July 2026

B E T W E E N:

(1) BARONESS LAWRENCE OF CLARENDON OBE
(Claim No. KB-2022-003316)
(2) ELIZABETH HURLEY
(Claim No. KB-2022-003317)
(3) SIR ELTON JOHN CH CBE
(4) DAVID FURNISH
(Claim No. KB-2022-003318)
(5) SIR SIMON HUGHES
(Claim No. KB-2022-003340)
(6) PRINCE HARRY, THE DUKE OF SUSSEX
(Claim No. KB-2022-003357)
(7) SADIE FROST LAW
(Claim No. KB-2022-003404)

Claimants

- and -

ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS LIMITED

Defendant

ORDER

UPON the trial of this action, heard on 19-23, 26-30 January 2026, 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23-27 February 2026, and 2-5, 9-13, 17-19, 23, 27 and 30-31 March 2026

AND UPON the Court handing down, remotely and without attendance by the parties, a reserved judgment on 7 July 2026 with the neutral citation [2026] EWHC 1637 (KB) ("the Judgment")

WITHOUT A HEARING IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The claims are dismissed.

2. A hearing to determine the further orders to be made consequent upon Judgment be listed for 29-30 July 2026 ("the Consequentials Hearing")

3. The parties must endeavour to narrow the issues or agree the order consequential on the judgment in accordance with the following timetable:

    a. By 5pm on 10 July 2026 the Claimants shall send to the Defendant their draft order;

    b. By 5pm on 14 July 2026 the Defendant shall send to the Claimants any proposed revisions to the draft order;

    c. By 5pm on 17 July 2026 the parties shall lodge with the Court an agreed order or a draft order marked up to show the areas of disagreement.

4. An agreed hearing bundle, strictly limited to documents not already in the trial bundle and relevant to the disputed areas, be filed by 4pm on 22 July 2026.

5. Skeleton arguments shall be filed and exchanged by midday on Friday 24 July 2026.

6. The Claimants shall, by 10am on Monday 27 July 2026, file a joint bundle of authorities.

7. Any application for permission to appeal Paragraph 1 of this Order is adjourned to be dealt with, unless the Court otherwise directs, on the basis of written submissions following the Consequentials Hearing. Time for any application for permission to appeal to the Judge, or for any Appellant's Notice, be extended to a date to be fixed at the Consequentials Hearing.

8. All other matters consequential on the Judgment and dismissal of the Claimants' claims, including costs, are adjourned to the Consequentials Hearing.

9. Costs reserved.

AND UPON the Court considering that persons not taking part in the proceedings may wish to attend the Consequentials Hearing remotely, and may therefore wish to make requests for a transmission direction to enable them to do so

WITHOUT A HEARING IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

10. Any request by a person not taking part in the proceedings ("an applicant") for a direction under s.85A(3)(b) Courts Act 2003 for permission to watch or listen to the Consequentials Haering remotely ("a transmission direction request") must be made (in accordance with Paragraph 11 below) by **10am on Wednesday 22 July 2026**.

11. Any transmission direction request must be sent to kbjudgeslistingoffice@justice.gov.uk and **must include** the following:

    a. the full name of the applicant;

    b. the email address of the applicant;

    c. information as to whether the applicant would be located within the jurisdiction of England and Wales at all times when attending the Consequentials Hearing remotely (if a transmission direction were to be made); and, if not, details of the applicant's location;

d. any information the applicant wishes to provide in support of the request, including in particular any reason(s) why it is contended that making such a direction would be in the interests of justice; and

e. a statement by the applicant in the following terms:

> "I agree and undertake to the Court that, if permitted to attend each day of the Trial remotely, I will not make a recording, capture images, and/or broadcast any part of the proceedings. I understand that to do so may be an offence and/or contempt of court, punishable by imprisonment and/or a fine. I will abide by any directions given to me by the Court during the Trial.
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> I agree and undertake to the Court that I will not provide the link that I am given to access the Trial to any other person and, unless the Court expressly permits, I will only use the link provided to gain access to the proceedings when I am in England & Wales".

12. A transmission direction request that is not made by the deadline imposed by Paragraph 10 of this Order and/or does not comply with Paragraph 11 of this Order may be refused. Any transmission direction request made otherwise than in accordance with the directions in Paragraphs 10 and 11 **must** be made by way of Application Notice.

REASONS

Consequentials Hearing

(A) The Judgment has been handed down remotely. The Court has adjourned consideration of any outstanding matters to the Consequentials Hearing on 29-30 July 2026. I have given directions to ensure that the issues to be resolved at the Consequentials Hearing are properly identified in advance and that Skeleton Arguments can be lodged based upon these identified issues.

(B) Subject to the number and complexity of the issues that require resolution at the Consequentials Hearing, I may reserve judgment and give a further written decision on the outstanding matters. If that is the course adopted, I have adjourned all applications for permission to appeal until all matters are finally resolved. Unless the Court otherwise directs, any application for permission to appeal will be resolved on the basis of written submissions (to avoid delay that would otherwise be caused by the Court's summer vacation).

Transmission Direction

(C) The Court anticipates that, as has been the case with previous hearings in this litigation, there is likely to be interest from media representatives and members of the public in attending the Consequentials Hearing remotely. To manage that process, I have again set out a straightforward procedure whereby anyone who wishes to attend the hearing remotely can make a transmission direction request by email.

(D) The Court will not normally grant a transmission direction request in respect of an applicant who will not be in England and Wales during the Consequentials Hearing. Anyone making a transmission direction request who will not be in England and Wales should provide information, pursuant to Paragraph 11(d) above, as to why it would nevertheless be in the interests of justice to make a transmission direction in their case.

(E) Late requests are likely to be refused, because they cause disruption to the Court's work and utilise a disproportionate amount of the Court's limited resources, unless there are compelling reasons why the applicant was unable to comply with the Court's directions.

7 July 2026